

## Number of Deaths for the Five Leading Cancer Sites by Age Group and Sex

All Ages		Under 15		15-34		35-54		55-74		75+	
Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Lung & Bronchus 90,121	Lung & Bronchus 67,509	Brain & ONS 262	Brain & ONS 201	Leukemia 562	Breast 432	Lung & Bronchus 8,571	Breast 9,120	Lung & Bronchus 47,932	Lung & Bronchus 32,970	Lung & Bronchus 33,508	Lung & Bronchus 28,197
Prostate 30,446	Breast 41,514	Leukemia 240	Leukemia 201	Brain & ONS 359	Leukemia 381	Colon & Rectum 3,302	Lung & Bronchus 6,261	Colon & Rectum 12,598	Breast 16,192	Prostate 21,710	Colon & Rectum 16,304
Colon & Rectum 28,471	Colon & Rectum 28,132	Endocrine 95	Endocrine 86	NHL 271	Brain & ONS 239	Liver & IBD 1,919	Colon & Rectum 2,575	Prostate 8,320	Colon & Rectum 9,111	Colon & Rectum 12,375	Breast 15,770
Pancreas 14,876	Pancreas 15,387	Soft Tissue 50	Soft Tissue 45	Colon & Rectum 194	Cervix 225	Pancreas 1,890	Ovary 2,186	Pancreas 7,282	Ovary 6,349	Pancreas 5,673	Pancreas 8,222
Leukemia 12,058	Ovary 14,682	NHL 47	Bone & Joints 43	Bone & Joints 172	NHL 152	Brain & ONS 1,843	Cervix 1,560	Esophagus 5,273	Pancreas 6,010	Leukemia 5,408	Ovary 6,009

Source: National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) Public -use file for 2002 deaths.  
NHL = Non Hodgkin's Lymphoma

## Relationship of Cancer to the Leading Causes of Death in the United States

Rank	Cause	Number of Deaths	Age Adjusted Rate*	Percent of Total Deaths
	<b>All Causes</b>	2,443,030	<b>844.6</b>	100.0%
1	Heart Disease	696,900	240.5	28.5%
2	CANCER	557,264	193.5	22.8%
3	Cerebrovascular Diseases	162,669	56.1	6.7%
4	Emphysema, Bronchitis & Asthma	124,809	43.4	5.1%
5	Accidents	106,657	36.9	4.4%
6	Diabetes Mellitus	73,248	25.4	3.0%
7	Pneumonia & Influenza	65,678	22.6	2.7%
8	Alzheimers	58,866	20.2	2.4%
9	Nephritis & Nephrosis	40,974	14.2	1.7%
10	Septicemia	33,862	11.7	1.4%
11	Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injury	31,645	10.9	1.3%
12	Symptoms, Signs and Ill-Defined Conditions	29,866	10.3	1.2%
13	Chronic Liver Dis and Cirrhosis of the Liver	27,253	9.4	1.1%
14	Hypertension without Heart Disease	20,261	7.0	0.8%
15	Homicide and Legal Intervention	17,981	6.2	0.7%
	Other and Ill-Defined	395,097	136.4	16.2%

Source: NCHS Public-use file for 2002 deaths.  
\* Age adjusted rate per 100,000 Population